

wherein said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis.

2. (amended) The spline of claim 1 wherein,
said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis, and
each of said at least one pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other.

3. (amended) The spline of claim 2 wherein,
each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or
less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to
be placed in said at least one pockets.

5. (amended) The spline of claim 4 wherein,
said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis,
said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area,
said first, second, third, and fourth pockets longitudinally extending substantially
parallel to each other, and

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or
less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to be
placed in said at least one pockets.

6. (amended) The spline of claim 5, wherein
said first and second pockets having a depth greater than a depth of said third
and fourth pockets, and